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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Both of the presently submitted references, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 and O1 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-064279, the foreign patent application on the basis of

which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

In addition, an English abstract, available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), of Cite No. F1 is attached thereto, and attached to Cite No. O1 is an English rendering of the headings and text entries in the table on page 80 of that reference, as indicated by the handwritten numbering on the magnified copy of page 80 that immediately precedes the English rendering.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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